

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of | : | Customer Number: 53080 |
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| Takeshi KOBAYASHI, et al. | : | Confirmation Number: 4950 |
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| Application No.: 10/757,388 | : | Group Art Unit: 2814 |
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| Filed: January 15, 2004 | : | Examiner: Dilinh P. Nguyen |
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| For: LEAD FRAME, METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME, SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE USING LEAD FRAME AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE | | |

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the May 19, 2008 Office Action, Applicants respectfully submit that the Office Action has been improperly issued. The Action fails to discuss any of the amendments to claims 1, 2 and 5 or new claim 33 as set forth in the March 31, 2008 Response. Moreover, the Action improperly lists the status of the Action as Final despite a Request for Continued Examination being filed concurrently with the March 31, 2008 Response, and improperly lists the status of the Action as being responsive to the communication filed on 30 July 2007. In fact, the Office Action is identical to the Action filed on October 30, 2007.

As the Office Action is clearly in error, as was admitted during a telephone discussion with the Examiner on July 22, 2008, Applicants respectfully request that a new Office Action be issued.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,


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